



Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area

Spirit of the Mountains PHOTO CONTEST 2015



*Share the wonders of
Santa Monica Mountains
National Recreation Area
with others. Enter the
Spirit of the Mountains
Photo Contest. Let your
photographic imagination
capture the essence of
this hidden jewel.*

Photo Contest & Exhibit for Amateur Photographers

For an entry form and instructions or questions, visit:

www.nps.gov/samo/photocontest.htm

or the **Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center**
26876 Mulholland Hwy, Calabasas, CA 91302 at King Gillette Ranch.

Submit your entries between **October 3 to October 17, 2015.**

All entries will be on exhibit at the Interagency Visitor Center
from **November 8 through November 30, 2015.**

For more information: 805-370-2301



Entry Requirements

Open to **amateur** photographers only.

Digital or film prints are acceptable.

Entries accepted **October 3 - October 17, 2015**.

Submit only photos of the **Santa Monica Mountains Zone**

For a map of the Zone: www.nps.gov/samo/photocontest.htm

Categories

1. Plants
2. Animals
3. Scenic Shots
4. People in Parklands
5. 2015 challenge: Creating Depth (3D to 2D)

Winning Entries

First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded in each category. There will also be a *Best of Show* to the overall winner.

All entries will be on exhibit **November 8, 2015 through November 30, 2015** at the Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center at King Gillette Ranch. Winners will be announced at **2:00pm, November 8, 2015** at the 2015 Photo Contest exhibit opening. Winning photos may also be published in the *OUTDOORS* – a popular quarterly calendar of events and programs with an annual average circulation of 70,000 copies. The publication is available at the visitor center and online at <http://www.nps.gov/samo/planyourvisit/events.htm>.

Submit 10/3/15 – 10/17/15 **Print Entry Form** (Attach one form per print entry. Print clearly.)

Category (Check one)

- ☐ Plants
- ☐ Animals
- ☐ Scenic Shots
- ☐ People in Parklands
- ☐ Creating Depth (3D to 2D)

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Site where photo was taken _____

Photo equipment used _____

Title of Entry (optional) _____

Signature _____

My signature on this form verifies that I have read and will comply with the Rules and Regulations and that I grant non-exclusive, royalty-free license to Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area/ National Park Service for the future use and modification of entries. Entries may be used in (but not limited to) print and electronic media and for other park promotions (with credit).

Rules & Regulations

- Amateur photographers only.
- Paid employees of the National Park Service are excluded from contest participation.
- Digital and film prints are acceptable.
- Photos can be taken on federal, state, county, city, or other public agency property, so long as the photo is taken within the **Santa Monica Mountains Zone** which includes the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and associated watersheds and canyons. A map and description is available online at: www.nps.gov/samo/photocontest.htm
- Demonstrate good stewardship of the mountains by entering photos that depict approved visitor use and park resource protection per administering agency regulations.
- Winning photos that will be published in *OUTDOORS* may need to be cropped to fit or shown as a detail. Winners will be asked to submit their digital file or film for use in *OUTDOORS*.
- If people are visible in winning photos, the photographer will need to have releases from those people before the photo can be published in *OUTDOORS*. Photo release forms available at: www.nps.gov/samo/photocontest.htm
Note: If a private house or building is clearly identifiable in a photo, it too needs to have a release from the owner before publication.
- In the event of limited entries in a particular category, the number of winners will be reduced. Photographers are limited to one win per category.
- We are not responsible for mailed entries that are lost or damaged in transit.
- We will make every possible effort to safeguard the prints, but we can not be responsible in case of natural disaster or other unforeseen events.

Submission Format for Prints

- Submit entry as a matted print. Prints (excluding mat) cannot be larger than 12" x 18" or smaller than 7" x 8."
- A matted print means that your photo must have a surrounding paper border, a window mat, or be mounted on stiff board. The photo itself may be a glossy or matte finish. If using self-positioning photomats, the front of the mat should have no sticky residue. *Please do not use frames, glass, or plastic covers.*
- BE AWARE that we will attach Velcro® to the back of your entry so it adheres to our fabric-covered panels for the exhibit. (We will supply the Velcro®.)
- Names should **not** be visible on *front side* of prints.
- One entry form PER PRINT. We will assign an identification number to each print and separate prints and forms for the judging.
- Photographers can submit 2 entries in the same category but can only win one prize per category; There is a **LIMIT OF 2 ENTRIES** total for the entire contest.
- Submit entries in person or by mail between **October 3 through October 17, 2015** at the Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center, 26876 Mulholland Hwy, Calabasas, CA, 91302. Attention: Photo Contest. *Mailed entries must be received by October 17, 2015.*

Print Return

Entries can be picked up at the Visitor Center from **December 1, 2015 through December 8, 2015**.
Note: Any entry not picked up by December 31, 2015 becomes the property of the National Park Service.

Announcement of Winners

Winners announced and awards given at the exhibit opening on **Sunday, November 8, 2015 at 2:00pm**.

Exhibit Dates

The exhibit opens on **November 8, 2015 and closes November 30, 2015**. The 3-week exhibit will be at Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center, 26876 Mulholland Highway, Calabasas, CA 91302.



Questions:

Interagency

Visitor Center

(open 9am to 5pm daily)
805-370-2301